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Application of: Denise L. Faustman
Serial No.: 09/913,664
Filed: August 17, 2001
Entitled: METHOD FOR INHIBITING
TRANSPLANT REJECTION

ART UNIT: 1600/230

EXAMINER: V. Afremova

Atty. Docket No.: DLF-002.1P US

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued February 11, 2003, Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance based on the amendments and remarks set forth below. The present application was filed with Claims 1-37 on August 17, 2001 as the U.S. national phase of PCT/US00/04270 filed February 18, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Appln. No. 09/252,331, filed February 18, 1999 and now abandoned. The Examiner issued a 4-way restriction requirement on October 9, 2002 (paper no. 5). On November 19, 2002 Applicant filed a response to the restriction requirement (w/ traverse) electing the claims of Group I, i.e., 1-14 covering a method for inhibiting transplant rejection of donor tissue by a host mammal, for further prosecution. Claims 15-37 have been removed from consideration and the current Office Action is directed to Claims 1-14.

Please amend the pending claims of the application as set forth below, employing the revised amendment format authorized at 1267 OG 106, published February 25, 2003.